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PROPAGATION: Jul 10, High Normal; Jul 11, High/Above Normal; Jul 12, High Normal; Jul 13, 14, Low Normal; Jul 15-18, High Normal; Jul 19, Above Normal; Jul 20, High/Above Normal; Jul 21, High Normal; Jul 22, 23, Low Normal; Jul 24, High/Low Normal; Jul 25, 26, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

NAVASSA

NP1AA was reported on Jul 2 but was not for real. Rumors abound that HH2JR and a group of about six Haitian operators will activate Navassa Jul 18-25. The problem here is that although Haiti has been claiming control of Navassa for many years, it was the U.S. which built the island's lighthouse and the Coast Guard still requires permission be granted for groups wishing to land on Navassa. It is believed that the Haitians will land without such permission and therefore DXCC would not credit any contacts they might make. Sources indicate that the Haitians are aware of the DXCC policy.

DXCC

Speaking of DXCC, nothing has happened on the K6LPL QSL card scheme yet, the status of early 60ØDX cards is still in limbo, and XZ5A is still up in the air so far as DXCC credit is concerned.

AA4M pointed out that the documentation for XZ5A (TDXB 97), which says "Time of Operation: 24 hours" might have been meant to be "24 hours per day" rather than a duration of only one day. Let's hope so!

One of the Burma photos which came in showed a "military radio station" with some unidentifiable homemade gear...very primitive. There is speculation that the Burmese appreciated the sophisticated Kenwood ham gear and saw some potential for its use other than contacting radio amateurs.

ZL1AMO showed up right on schedule from Lord Howe July 6, signing VK4ANS/LH. Ron works almost exclusively CW and will be on until Jul 13.

PLEASE NOTE that we finished Issue 99 in time to enclose it with this issue. There will not be a mailing next week...your editor is going fishing. - Jim.

Although "official word" came from Costa Rica of a TI9 Cocos operation to be held July 10-17, TI9FAG and TI9VVR came on July 1 for several days. It is not known if the previously announced operation will be affected. A fairly permanent station is now set up on the island and summertime short operations can take place at almost any time.

WBØICS/KH7 is with the Coast Guard on Kure Island and is primarily interested in running phone patches, but will work you if you're nice. He has thus far been reported only on 20 Meters SSB.

MAKE ONE FOR CHARLIE AND DI

England's Prince Charles (does he have a last name?) and Lady Diana will be getting married on Wednesday, July 29. In honor of the event, GB4RWD will be active Jul 28 to Aug 2, on SSB only 80-10 Meters. A special QSL card will be available to all who work the Royal Wedding Day station.

Also, special endorsements will be made to those working the station on the actual day of the ceremony. QSL to G4KIU, 10 Julien Place, Wellesborough, Ashford, Kent, England. A Royal Wedding Award is available if you work the station and send U.S. two dollars or ten IRCs. All proceeds to charity.

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Chuck Jackson, SV0AA, and Sid Bedford, W4MAT, should be activating the Dodecanese Islands about the time you get this and through Jul 28. Look for SV0AA/5 and W4MAT/SV5 80-10. Greek amateurs have full spectrum on 20-15-10 plus 3.5-3.6 CW on 80, 3.665-3.735 SSB, and 7.0-7.1 both modes on 40 Meters. QSL SV0AA to N200 and W4MAT to his C/B address.

Its not too early for East Coasters (and others) to be planning for the 1981 DXPO convention in September. In the past this gathering has been in the Washington DC area but this year the site is Atlanta, on Sept. 19 and 20. Speakers will include Jim Lawson, W2PV, Martha (WN4FVU) and Carl (WB4ZNH) Henson, and N200 of the IDXF, plus Don Search, W3AZD, to answer your DXCC questions. The activity will be at the Ramada Inn, I-85 and Monroe Drive NE, and there's a special room rate available. Call now and mention the convention: 404-873-4661.

W6AM's annual get together is becoming a mini convention. 312 folks gazed at the Don Wallace Rhombic Farm the weekend of Jun 20 and consumed 500 doughnuts. Don even had a few neighbors show up and Tom Christian VR6TC passed his greetings to the crowd via radio. W6AM has trimmed his antenna farm in recent years, there now being only 61 telephone poles; ten of them are 140 feet high.

Speaking of which (Poles), Rich Assarabowski, K1CC, will be attending a convention in Poland this summer, sponsored by club station SP9KHT. Rich is assembling a 35 mm slide collection of contest and DXing stations in North America to show at the convention; he will copy your slides and return them to you if you'd be so kind as to send him a few of your skywires and/or station. Rich leaves mid-August.

The Monaco operation just now getting in full swing is by a group of Dutch amateurs and they should be on 80-10 meters with their PA/3A calls. QSL all to PA3ARM. Scheduled to last until Jul 20.

Keizo Obuchi, J11KIT, was in Washington recently on official business...he is a

"congressman" and also president of the Japanese Diet Amateur Radio Club. Obuchi met with his counterpart, Dave Siddall, K3ZJ, president of the Capitol Hill Amateur Radio Society, along with Sen. Barry Goldwater, K7UGA. Congressman Obuchi played a key role recently in getting Japan's radio laws modified to allow Japan to enter into reciprocal operating agreements with other nations. The revisions will take effect November 23 and such reciprocal agreements should start falling into place shortly after.

Further to the subject of Japan/USA Northeast 160 Meter QSOs (TDXB 90, 91, 93) K2GNC adds that there have been "many" JA/W4 contacts in past years. He agrees with W1BB that there is normally a "black-out" between Japan and the W1/W2/W3 areas. When Bill worked Japan on Feb. 2 the opening was only to South Japan; his three contacts were with JA6 stations. Bill met JA5DQH recently and they had a long chat on the subject...better antennas on both ends and the new KW power allowed in the States may lead to more QSOs in the future.

The TDXB editorial in Issue 94 concerning disposition of the bogus QSL cards (ref. K6LPL letter, etc) has brought almost unanimous agreement from readers. Newington's DXCC Desk is presently bogged down with the 60QDX problem, XZ5A and XZ9A documentation, and the fake cards. Considering the financial and emotional drain on the League which the Don Miller W9WNV lawsuit caused over a decade ago, it is not surprising that ARRL is going slowly. The fact that Headquarters will have a change of top management next June when present General Manager Baldwin retires may be the cause of some foot-dragging, too.

Frank Smith, W8HMI, was unable to get in any operating during his just-completed African tour, except for brief appearances from Kenya and Liberia. While in Somalia he tried to get his old 601AU license reactivated but ran into a brick wall. (TNX DX Report).

TIPS

H5AK 14210 @ 1200
P29SB 14225 @ 1100
8Q7AZ 14208 @ 1115
AH8AA 14240 @ 1000
TL8CN 21295 @ 2100
D4CBC 21262 @ 1800
WBØICS/KH7 14225 @ 0900
ZK1CV 14210 @ 0900
EP2TY 14225 @ 0200
A4XIH 21251 @ 1800

H44DX 14210 @ 1200
FK8DV 14220 @ 1100
FO8GX 14225 @ 1000
8Q7AZ 14210 @ 0200
FK8CR 14215 @ 1000
KX6JM 14215 @ 1100
9K2DR 21252 @ 1900
4U1UN 21300 @ 1600
3D6AX 14002 @ 1200
FO8GW 21300 @ 0300
S79WHW 21300 @ 0300

S79WHW 21300 @ 0300
YB8AEG 21255 @ 1500
OD5IQ 21285 @ 1400
SU1AA 14245 @ 0300
FK8DJ 14290 @ 1300
OE8AJK/YK 14269 @ 0300
HKØEHM 21268 @ 2200
9L1DS 21293 @ 2000
7X4MD 21280 @ 1900
WH8AAJ 14030 @ 1310

K9VV/CT1 7002 @ 0000
J6LF 3795 @ 0200
7X4BL 14026 @ 2000
C31HD 7004 @ 0300
9M2FR 14220 @ 1100
HS5AID 14035 @ 1100
9M2LN 14041 @ 1200
8Q7BF 14214 @ 1200
5Z4YV 21298 @ 2100
KH3AB 21030 @ 0100
FRØFLO 14220 @ 1100

VS5RP 14026 @ 1200
JA1JWP/JD1 14212 @ 1100
JA1JWP/JD1 14031 @ 1000
KX6ZZ 14205 @ 1300
AH2L 14205 @ 1300
EA9AM 14210 @ 0000
T3AAD 14225 @ 1000
DU1MEL 14230 @ 1000
ZD8LIK 28542 @ 2000

MORE TIPS

3B8DB 14225 @ 1100
VK9NS 14220 @ 1000
KC4USV 14205 @ 1100
FR7BW 14023 @ 1200
FO8AZ 14025 @ 0300
HS1BV 21300 @ 1800
9J2LL 21270 @ 1500
9M2BB 14200 @ 1500
9V1TK 14240 @ 1400
JTØWA 14210 @ 1100

YK1AA 14225 @ 0200
KP4KK/DU2 7004 @ 1000
ZL2UW/C 7009 @ 1100
WB8T2S/KH2 14027 @ 1100
XT2AW 14012 @ 2200
JA9IAX/JD1 14026 @ 1100
VK9ZD 14230 @ 1200
ZL2UW/C 21009 @ 0300
S79MC 14202 @ 0400
A6XJA 14202 @ 0400
TR8DX 21290 @ 2000

H44DX 14210 @ 1200
G3MUV/CEØA 14205 @ 0200
HKØBKK 14018 @ 1200
KX6OR 14215 @ 1100
9M6MH 14210 @ 1200
T3ØAC 14210 @ 1000
VK9ZG 14233 @ 0900
CN8CU 14245 @ 2200
VQ9QA 14030 @ 1100
AH2L 7005 @ 1100

J73D 7007 @ 0100
UI8ADQ 14008 @ 0000

QSL HELP NEEDED

JA3GM needs YA1IW ('59)
VK4AJ needs EU1AA ('72)
VK6LK needs:

HZ1KE ('74)
CR7JO ('75)
KB6CT ('70)
VR1TA ('70)

K1SA needs:

7Q7DW ('76)
ZD9GF ('76)

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

Dodecanese	/SV5	Now to Jul 28 SV0AA and W4MAT; I 98	KH6BZF, K1SA, VK6LK, KC4OP, KA3R, WING, W4VQ, W0BW, W5DV, N8BKB, WD5AAM, W8UVZ, W3ODJ, WA2SQY, XE1NI, JA8BMK, K6IR, K1RM, W1VV, KP4EQF, WA2SON, K1AS, W5VX, K2GNC, KQ40, K3ZJ, W7BYK, K8CW, WB1EAZ, KA1ESK, W0JLC, WB2WMJ, AA4M, WB9YCK, W7YF, K1CC, W6AM, K4SMX, W5OSJ, SV0AA,
Cocos	TI9s	FAG, VVR, Now and next two weeks; I 98	
Lord Howe	VK4ANS	/LH by ZL1AMO now to Jul 13; I 98	
Burundi	9U5JM	Now to Jul 15 W4MGN; I. 93	
Corsica	F0CH/FC	Now to Jul 28 HB9TL; I. 96	
Burma	XZ5A	Almsot every day, 14225 @ 1200	=====
Swaziland	ZS6ANL	/3D6 now to Jul 25	
Aland Is	/OH0	KS6O and friends now to Jul 13:	
St Paul	/VE1	VE1BL Jul 10-12; I. 95	
Monaco	/3A	Ducth opn now to Jul 20; I 98	
B.V.I.	VP2VDG	Jul 11-12 by K4IIF	TDXB: 203-871-6251
Contest	IARU	Radiosport Jul 11-12	
Market Reef	/OJ0	Jul 13-20, OJ0AM, I. 93	
Rwanda	9X5MH	Jul 15-18, W4MGN; I. 93	
Guernsey		Jul 18-25; I 96	
Kenya	5Z4RL	Jul 18-23, W4MGN; I 93	=====
Navassa		Rumored Jul 18-25; I. 98	
Liberia	EL2AG	Jul 24-29, W4MGN: I 93	
Royal Wedding		GB4RWD Jul 28-Aug 2; I 98	
Gambia	C5ACC	Jul 29-Aug 10, W4MGN; I 98	
Andorra	C3ILM	Aug 1-15, Spanish group; I 96	One of the locals just got a letter from Jacques Petterr, 7Q7DW, about the state of amateur radio in Malawi; Jacques had his equipment confiscated in March, 1976, and says a.r. has been illegal there ever since. He knows nothing about the recent "7Q7LW."
Aland Is	OH6JW	/OH0 Aug. 3-10	
Contest	All Asia	CW Aug 22-23	
Convention	Pac NW	Portland OR Aug. 8-9; I 95	
Contest	WAE	CW Aug 8-9	
Contest	WAE	Phone Sep 12-13	=====
Convention	DXPO 81	Atlanta, Sep 19-20; I 98	

PROPAGATION

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
6/15	160	13	2
6/16	164	19	3
6/17	166	15	2
6/18	165	9	2
6/19	161	10	3
6/20	155	11	3
6/21	149	9	2
6/22	161	4	2
6/23	161	7	2
6/24	169	10	2
6/25	178	18	4
6/26	188	16	2
6/27	187	15	2
6/28	191	13	3

Latest issue of *Ham Radio* has a short article by Bob Locher, W9KNI, about what's wrong with today's amateur radio gear from the CW person's viewpoint. Bob attempts what others have tried and failed to do: explain to non-CW operators what it takes to make a decent rig for CW.

Your ed. has had the opportunity to use a number of rigs the past year, including a TS520S, TS830S, TR-7, Omni-D, KWM-380, and a (choke) Astro 102BXA.

Bear with us while we take a stab at defining just what is missing from all the transceivers/remote vfo combinations on the market (except for the Signal One)...

Accurate "zero beating" is not enough; one must be able to hear the actual transmitter output signal (at low level) in the receiver. Artificial tones will not do. One must know the exact relationship between signal and band. How'd I do, Bob?